



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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RE: MUR 4689  
Salem Radio Networks

Dear Mr. Riley:

On November 12, 1997, the Federal Election Commission notified your client, Salem Radio Networks, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On August 24, 1999, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe your client violated any provision of the Act. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information. A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision will follow.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Bell, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble  
General Counsel

BY:   
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Associate General Counsel

Enclosure  
General Counsel's Report

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